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FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTIAGO 7223 ACTION SECSTATE 29 OCT 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 7223

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, OAS, CI

SUBJECT: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SANTIAGO?

1. AT SOCIAL AFFAIR OCT 28 AMBASSADOR ASKED SENIOR FONOFF  
POLITICAL ADVISER ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN WHAT HE THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS  
WERE FOR THE GOC PROPOSAL TO HOLD APRIL 1976 OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
IN SANTIAGO.

2. BERNSTEIN SAID THEY WERE RATHER POOR. ALTHOUGH ONLY TWO  
COUNTRIES, MEXICO AND JAMAICA, HAD OPENLY OPPOSED THE PROPOSAL,  
THE GENERAL REACTION HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY GOOD.

3. BERNSTEIN CONFIRMED THAT NO OTHER COUNTRY HAD OFFERED TO  
HOST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD.  
HE THOUGHT THAT IF NOTHING WERE DONE THE SITUATION WOULD BECOME  
INCREASINGLY AWKWARD. PICKING UP A SUGGESTION WE HAD HEARD BEFORE,  
HE REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE A "GRACEFUL OUTCOME" IF THE UNITED  
STATES -- AS A SPECIAL MEASURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BICENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION -- WERE TO PROPOSE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BE  
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CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA JULY 4, 1976.

4. BERNSTEIN RECOGNIZES THAT, HAVING HOSTED THE ATLANTA UNGA SO RECENTLY, THE US WOULD NOT NORMALLY SEEK TO DO SO AGAIN AT THIS TIME. BUT HE POINTS OUT THAT A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS A ONE-TIME THING.

5. COMMENT: WE GAVE BERNSTEIN NO ENCOURAGEMENT. WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN WHAT IF ANY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN SOLVING THE SITE PROBLEM.  
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